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MEASURE 2 IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE

The City of Rancho Mirage is authorized pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9603 to hold an advisory election for the purpose of enabling qualified voters of the City of Rancho Mirage to voice their opinions on substantive issues pertaining to the proposed CV Link project. As such, the results of Measure 2 will provide an indication of general voter opinion regarding whether the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) should spend One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) or more to construct CV Link, plus an additional \$1.6 million annually to maintain and operate CV Link, a portion of which CVAG proposes to construct through Rancho Mirage.

CV Link is a paved pathway proposed by CVAG that will accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, Low-Speed Electric Vehicles (LSEVs) and Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs) that can travel up to 25 miles per hour. Initially, CV Link will be approximately 50 miles long, extending from Highway 111 and the Chino Wash in North Palm Springs to Airport Boulevard in the City of Coachella and the unincorporated community of Thermal. This is known as Phase 1 of CV Link. The plan is to eventually extend the western terminus of CV Link to Desert Hot Springs and the eastern terminus to the Salton Sea. At full buildout of all phases, CV Link will be approximately 88 miles long.

Phase 1 (approximately 50 miles) is anticipated to begin construction in 2017 and includes the majority of construction for the core route of CV Link between Palm Springs and Coachella. The "Proposed Initial Implementation Cost Estimate" set forth in the March 2015 CV Link Master Plan for Phase 1 is approximately \$100,000,000, which includes: \$55,239,000 for 35.2 miles of "Pathway"; \$9,782,900 for 2.0 miles of undercrossing and ramps; \$9,038,500 for 0.3 miles which includes 51 bridge crossings of channels and roadways; \$8,257,600 for 7.4 miles of street segments to be upgraded; \$1,255,100 for 0.5 miles of crossings of roadways at-grade; and \$15,733,500 for miscellaneous items such as, but not limited to, landscaping, planting, access points and support elements.

The March 2015 CV Link Master Plan estimates the annual cost of maintenance for the first phase of CV Link to be \$864,900, or \$18,000 per mile for the initial (approximately) 50 miles of CV Link. The March 2015 CV Link Master Plan also estimates the annual cost of operation for the first phase of CV Link to be \$752,000, or \$15,600 per mile for the initial (approximately) 50 miles of CV Link. The total annual maintenance and operations cost for the first full year of operations of CV Link is estimated to be \$1,616,900.

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